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Overview and Glossary

The 32X Sound Simulator is a tool that transfers the sound data created using the Tone Editor 32X to the CarDev and thus performs an evaluation. Therefore, before the Sound Simulator is started, the data creation using the Tone Editor 32X must be complete. The following description of the 32X Sound Simulator, with reference to sample data "Proj1", assumes that the necessary data creation tasks have been completed.

The development of any sound package presumes that the package will be incorporated into a game cartridge. Therefore, ultimately all sound data must be integrated. The goal is to create a single sound object. The integrated, final output file is referred to as a "bulk file". The sound development process is complete when the bulk file is incorporated into a game.



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The following illustrates the basic screen, called the *Edit window*, for the Sound Simulator. The data files created using the Test Editor 321 are mapped onto the Edit window. How to perform mapping will be explained later.

The Sound Simulator keeps track of the modules loaded in memory in terms of the numbers that appear in the leftmost column in the Edit window. Modules are displayed on the Edit window on a line-by-line basis. Each line is called a **block**.

Activation Method

When using the BBX Sound Simulator for the first time, click on the BBX Sound icon in order to effect the condition in which the New option is automatically selected from the file menu (see the "New" option in "1. File"). If a task has been completed previously and the Edit window has been saved, a project file is already available. In this case, the task can be resumed by clicking on the project file.



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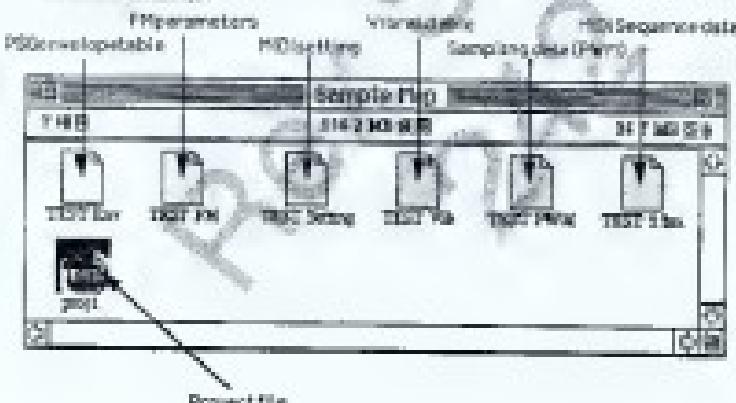
Icon for a project file

Mapping

Mapping refers to the task by which sound files containing various elements are allocated to memory. Game producers must keep track of the sequence in which files are allocated, and the sizes of bulk files. All other memory management functions are performed by the Sound Simulator.

The following describes how to perform actual mapping using sample data in order to create a bulk file.

The files indicated below, all of which are created using the Tone Editor BBX, are contained in the supplied sample data. The file for MIDI setting is not required for the Sound Simulator.



First, we link the following files in the indicated order: Sequence data, FM parameters, Vibrato table, PSG envelope, and Sampling data (PWV). The Edit

window contains the image of a memory mapping on a cartridge. This image contains the addresses beginning with address 0 of the ROM cartridge, and items that are necessary for running 32X software, including vector information and a boot-up program. Therefore, the Sound Simulator also requires the items necessary for running the ROM as separate from sound data. The Edit window displays these required items. In the table shown below, the item 'ROMTopSys7' corresponds to the required items.

The item '3rd DRVRO' represents the Sound Driver. By default, the Sound Driver is allocated at address 0x20000. An address must be set whenever a new project is commenced. (See the "New" option in "File".)

The item 'DRVPR Proj7' holds the address information necessary for linking blocks. This is a reserved area that stores information on the blocks that have been linked.

01	000000-002107	002108	ROMTopSys7	-	
02	000000-002140	002141	3rd DRVRO	-	
03	002140-012107	00000C	00000F12	-	

The above three modules are required modules; they create independently of the project file. Consequently, actual mapping is performed beginning with the fourth block from the top. Therefore, select the "New" option from the menu bar. The fourth block appears.

01	000000-002107	002108	ROMTopSys7	-	
02	000000-01210D	00210E	3rd DRVRO	-	
03	00210D-012172	00000B	0000 Proj7	-	
04	002172-012129	00000C	00000F12	0	

Double-clicking on the fourth block brings up the following dialog box:



Because the sequence data is the first item to be linked, drag the cell indicated by "Data type", and select the "Sequence" option from the pop-up menu.

Data type pop-up menu

Select "Sequence"



Then, click on the "Load file" item in order to bring up the following dialog box.
Select the sequence data file "test2.hdr" from the dialog box



The file "test2.hdr" is now mapped to the fourth cell.

01	000000-002107	001108	0001test2.hdr	-	-
02	001000-002140	001108	0002test3.hdr	-	-
03	001040-002123	001108	0003test4.hdr	-	-
04	001000-002100	001108	0004test5.hdr	0	0004test5.hdr

The current block is displayed in reverse video, indicating that the block is available for editing. Since the purpose now is to map the next PGM texture data, click on this block in order to cancel the reverse video display

01	000000-002107	001108	0001test2.hdr	-	-
02	001000-002140	001108	0002test3.hdr	-	-
03	001040-002123	001108	0003test4.hdr	-	-
04	001000-002100	001108	0004test5.hdr	0	0004test5.hdr

Repeat the above procedure to effect the following mapping:

This completes the mapping. The results of the mapping are stored in the 'proj' file. See the 'Save' option in "File" for a description of how to save files.

In the next step, verify that the data in the rows of the table is correctly placed back.

First, execute the "Load all files" item in "File". A "While memory/wxxxx to xxxx" display on the TV monitor indicates that the execution is suspended, and that sound data has been loaded onto the *CarData*'s *execute* method.

Next, change the "Start sound device" option to "3 Sympho". This starts up the Sound Driver. Now wait for a moment.

The required method to be employed is the 'Multi-tier' option in '3. Systems'. Execute the necessary steps.

The mass may have been performed flawlessly. At this point, the program creates a bulk file and a completed Bulk files are created using the "Link all files" option in the Edit menu.

Detailed Description of Functions

The menu bar for the Sound Simulator contains six menus. In the following, the menus are explained in the order in which they appear in the menu bar:

- File Edit Systems Map Display Function

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1. File



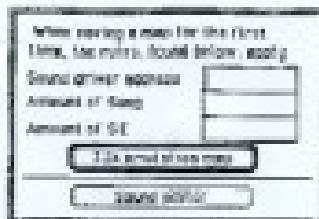
The file menu provides a user-friendly interface for the use of the file-related functions currently supported by the Sound Studio.

New

This option creates a new map. If a map is being produced, the program asks the user whether or not the current data will be saved before a new map is opened.



When a new map is to be created, the dialog box indicated below appears, and the program asks whether a SEGAulation map or a Sound editor map is to be created. When so prompted, set the following three parameters: sound driver address, amount of song, and amount of S.E.



To create a new map, set the indicated parameters.

Sound Driver address

When creating a map, specify the location at which the Sound Driver is to be stored in the final sound data file, to be incorporated into a game. The starting address coincides with the starting address of the Sound Driver. Therefore, it is critically important to determine the correct storage location for the Sound Driver.

Because it is relocatable, the Sound Driver can be allocated to any address. However, it should not overlap with the 68000 system, which is composed of programs that process vertices and the commands that are issued by the Macintosh. The area from 0x000000 through 0x000FFF is reserved for the system. Therefore, do not allocate the Sound Driver to any address that overlaps with this area.

Amount of Song, Amount of S.E.

In these parameters, enter the total number of songs and sound effects. If the total is not known, enter an appropriate numerical value, which can be modified later on.

After completing the above setup, click on the ZXN compilation menu. Use the Sound Editor when loading an old developmental tool. Since old developmental tools are not supplied by SEGA, usually this is not necessary for the user to select the Sound Editor menu.

Open

This option is used to open an existing project file. After opening a project file, this menu transmits the file (ROMTopSyn) whose block-0 auto-transmission option has been checked off, and runs the ZXN.

Close

This option closes the current project file. If there has been a change in the map, the program asks whether or not the project file is to be saved before it is closed. This menu does not terminate the tool.

Save

This option saves the current project file. If an existing file has been modified, the save menu option automatically overwrites the existing file. If a new step is to be saved, the save menu option prompts for a save destination. If a transmitted file has been changed or moved and the associated alias information has been updated, the save confirmation dialog box appears even when no changes have been made to the file.

Revert file

This option allows the user to save a project file under a different name.

Load

This option transmits the file containing a specified block to the step being edited, and resets the ZX.

Load all files

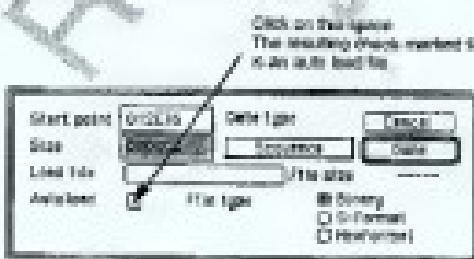
This option transmits the project file (the entire file for the step being edited), and resets the ZX. If a file does not exist, the option still attempts to transmit it. In this case, an error will be returned (Version 1.0/2).

Load auto files only

This option only transmits files whose auto transmission option is checked off ("auto load files"), and resets the ZX.

An auto load file refers to the file that is always loaded when loading is specified for a block with which the file is associated. Auto load files are user-specified.

To specify an auto load file, click on the Auto Load option on the dialog box that appears when the desired block is double-clicked. Clicking on the Auto Load option causes the system to recognize the auto load file.



After transmitting a file, the Sound Server always creates the position that it uses.
Only the "Load all files" option can manage the Sound Driver.

Createfile

When using the "Load files" or "Load auto files" option, make sure that the transmission address and the transmission size have not been modified. Even when either the transmission address or the transmission size has been changed, the transmission produces the correct results if, fortunately, the blocks of the transmitted file do not overlap with the addresses of other blocks. Normally, however, such a transmission results in the destruction of memory contents.

Link all files

This option creates a bulk file, and is used at the final stage of a sound development.

Link auto load files

This option only links the file that specifies an auto-load file and creates a bulk file. The bulk file is saved beginning at the address 0, after copied portions of the blocks in which an auto transmission setting is not provided are filled with the data 0x00.

Quit

This option frees any used memory and terminates the Sound Simulator. If there is a project file being edited, the user is prompted with the question of whether or not the file is to be saved. When quitting the Sound Simulator, always perform the termination action from this menu item.

2. Edit



The edit menu allows the user to perform deletion, addition, pasting, and insertion operations on a project file. To perform an operation on a block, select the desired block in the Edit window. To perform an operation on an entire project file, select the desired project file from the map menu in the main bar.

Edit data

This option allows the user to rewrite subsections in the gadget block. This menu option, which can be used to move the addresses of the current project file, automatically relinks the project file so that the file's blocks will not overlap any of the previously set sizes and starting addresses. Notice, however, that if the results of re-linking are set at incorrect addresses, the program does not issue an error. On the other hand, in some cases the absence of error conditions can be beneficial.



This menu can also be invoked by double-clicking on the Edit window.



The blocks indicated below are controlled by the system, and are not available for editing by users. If the area of another block that is being modified overlaps with any of these blocks, the system does not move the starting address of the affected blocks. These three special blocks are called 'system blocks'.

Area in which the system components to be initialized by means of a sound driver map are stored.

(Block in which the Sound Driver is located.)

(Block in which the pointers requiring the Sound Driver are stored.)

00000000-00000001	00000000	ROM Unprotect	
00000000-00000002	00000000	Sound Map	
00000000-00000003	00000000	ROM Unprotect	

New

This option adds a new block to the Edit window. If there is a selected block (reverse-displayed block), the new block is inserted immediately above that block.

Change map name

This option renames the current project file.

Delete

This option deletes a specified block. The "Delete and repair" option moves up the trailing blocks after deleting a block, so that there are not gaps in memory.



Copy

This option copies a specified block without copying the block's starting address or size.

Paste

This option overwrites (pastes) onto a specified block the block that was copied through the copy menu. If a destination block is not selected, no action is performed.

Insert

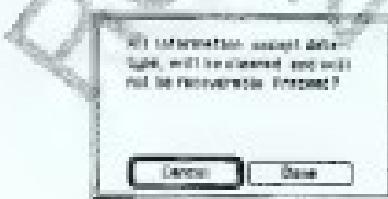
This option inserts the block that was copied by the copy menu into the location immediately above a specified block. If a destination block is not selected, the option inserts the copied block at the end of all blocks.

Clear data

This option clears a selected block. It differs from the "Delete" option in that it saves the data type. The data type of a specified block refers to information such as "the specified block is an area for sequence data". In the figure below, the arrows indicate data types.

Data type information				
021	0000000-0000000	0000000	0000000-000	-
022	0000000-0000000	0000000	0000000-000	-
023	0000000-0000000	0000000	0000000-000	-
024	0000000-0000000	0000000	0000000-000	-
025	0000000-0000000	0000000	0000000-000	-

Because a data type specification is a critically important item, the following confirmation message appears. To execute the specification, click on the *Done* option.



New map

This option opens a new project file. Before selecting this menu, be sure to save the current project file.

Delete map, Copy map, Paste map, Insert map

This option deletes, copies, pastes, or inserts the current map.

Clear map data

This option performs the "Clear data" action on all blocks, without displaying a confirmation message.

3. Systems



Start Sound Driver

This option starts the Sound Driver, and generates a V-blank interrupt in the 32X. After loading data, be sure to quit the Sound Driver.

Restart sound editor & reboot

When the Sound editor map is open, this option reloads and restarts the Sound editor only. However, because the Sound editor is normally not used, this menu should not be selected.

Restart 32X system program & reboot

This option reloads the system blocks only, and restarts the 32X.

4. Map

The Sound Simulator is capable of opening multiple project files simultaneously. However, the Macintosh's monitor displays only the project file that can be edited currently. The Map menu can be used to switch the files to be edited.

5. Display

When several project files are opened, sometimes it may be necessary to monitor the contents of a project file other than the current file. This menu allows the user to create a monitor window that displays the contents of non-current project files.

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6. Function



This menu sets a sound request and the CarDev memory area.

Music test, SE test, Create utility

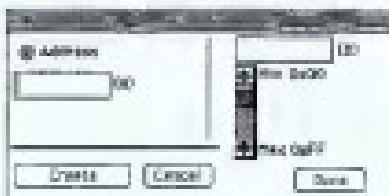
This option issues RGM, sound effect, and utility requests. Before making a request, be sure that the Sound Driver is running. From the "System" item on the menu bar, select the "Start sound driver" option. This causes the "Set sound driver" message to be displayed on the TV monitor. If the TV monitor is connected, verify the connection.

The RGM, sound effects, and utility programs all share the same driver interface and provide the following parameters, listed from the left: identification number, request number, and song title. For a description of available requests, see the section on the Sound Driver.



The meanings of the buttons are as follows:

- Start**
Issues a request code to the Sound Device.
 - Edit**
Changes specified data contents.
 - New**
Creates a new data table.
 - Delete**
Deletes unneeded data.
 - Insert**
Inserts a new data table into a specified table.
 - Cancel**
Closes the current dialog box while retaining the current contents. The cancel function can also be invoked from the "Close" box.
- Create flag test**



This option sets a request code and sends it to various addresses. The user can also send a request code by directly specifying an address. The "Create flag test" option differs from the "Mine test, SE test, Create utility" option in that it permits the setting of an address.

Track menu

This option is not available in the current version of Sound Simulator. Therefore, this option should not be selected.

Map selector

This option allows the user to control the 68000 inside the Sound Simulator.



Switch control over to 68000 and run program there:

Click on this option by specifying the desired address. When an address is entered, the option moves the 68000 program counter to that address. This function can be used to execute a user-generated program simultaneously with the Sound Driver, provided that the program module is loaded at the target address. See Helpful Hints and Technical Information.

Start Test Editor

This option is not available in the current versions of Sound Simulator. Therefore, this option should not be selected.

Dump 128 bytes of memory

Click on this option by specifying the desired address. The option dumps and displays 128 bytes from a specified address onto the TV monitor.

Change to Mega Drive mode

This option switches to the Genesis mode.

Change to 32X mode

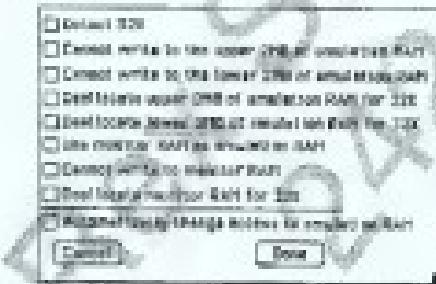
This option switches to the 32X mode. The mode that is currently on is displayed on the TV monitor.

Change V interrupt vector address

Click on this option by specifying the desired address. The option moves the V-interrupt to the specified address.

Memory configuration

This option allows the user to display and set the memory access privilege and the write-protect state that are currently in effect. For details on these items, see the "CartDev Integration Guide".



Change font size

This option changes the size of Edit window characters to suit the monitor size and resolution.

Helpful Hints and Technical Information

- The Sound editor is not supported.
- Depending on the particular menu that is selected, the Sound Simulator prompts for an address specification. In the present tool, all addresses must be specified as ROM cartridge real addresses even when they are displayed in the 32X mode.
- In the CarDev, the following comprises the bulk of user-accessible areas: simulation RAM, the 4MB from 0x000000 through 0x100000, and dual-port RAM. Any dual-port RAM addresses can be set by the user. The initial values are 0x7E00 for the Genesis mode, and 0x8FD000 for the 32X mode. See the 'Main Cartridge Development System Board Description' for an explanation of how to set these addresses.
- When using the "Switch control over to 32X00 and run program there" function, take the following information into consideration.

When the Sound Simulator is running, only V-interrupts occur on the Mega Drive 68000. When these interrupts occur, the system registers conjugate the data 0x2500.

The Mega Drive workspace RAM that is available to users is 0x1000 bytes from 0x7F0000 through 0x7FFFFF.

- The Sound Simulator contains a built-in 32X control program and a Sound Driver. These programs can be replaced. To replace a Sound Driver, name the file for the new sound driver as either 'MD_DRVBIN' (a binary file) or 'MD_DRV 32X' (a Modemedia S-format file) and store the new name in the folder in which the 32xSim is located. When the file is not found, the Sound Simulator automatically loads the built-in Sound Driver. Any of the several sound drivers that are supplied can be loaded in this manner. Similarly, the 32X control program should be named as either 'ROMTDF.BIN' or 'ROMTDF 32X'. Note that if the ROMTDF program is modified, SEGA will be unable to support it.
- The 68000-side space from 0x800000 through 0x900000 is system-reserved for future use. Nothing should be loaded in this area.

Error Listings

SCSI Inquiry: CardDev is not connected.

Application will terminate.

The environment will be saved and the application will terminate.

Not enough memory to open the Map Window.

Insufficient memory. Free memory for the application and try again.

Too many maps (50 maps maximum).

Too many blocks (32 blocks maximum).

The file is already being used.

An invalid file exists. The volume is not mountable.

An error occurred while loading.

Macintosh resource files cannot be transmitted by themselves.

Not enough memory to load the program.

Cannot read file.

Cannot write file.

All the information was lost due to memory shortage. This block cannot be read sequentially.

CardDev is not responding. Check all connections.

The specified function is not supported.

The file transfer failed due to a possible application error.

Cannot send to Dual-Port RAM.

Dual-Port RAM access was not restored within one second.

More than 800H bytes were received.

The job will be terminated.

Unknown file format.

The uncompressed data is larger than the data size that can be handled. Data not converted.

WritePtr and ReadPtr are reversed.

Bad check sum. Cannot convert file.

An error occurred while data was being received, due to a possible application error.

This file cannot be opened from the file menu.

The specified address conflicts with the sound driver. Choose a different address.

The SDA cannot access the selected address. Choose a different address.

This function cannot be used for the System Block.

This data type uses data number 0 when a pointer table is created. Therefore, the sound driver ignores the above file.

Incorrect map composition. Unable to find free map.

Unknown format for the "Receive control" program.

Cannot allocate the sound driver up the area used for bank switching.